

A CHURCH BUILDING FOR THE WASHINGTON CITY MISSION.

Below is a communication from Brother Cassel, followed by Resolutions of the Washington City Mission, which, owing to their importance, we give this very prominent place. Please read the communication carefully, and prayerfully, and do not take a week to decide what you are going to do about it. Following is the letter :

On Feb. 1, I visited the city of Washington with a view of purchasing the church property heretofore referred to by Brother Lyon in his Washington correspondence.

I find the property suitably located for our work in that city, and the price (\$5600.00) reasonable as far as I am able to judge compared with property values in Philadelphia.

The accompanying resolution of Washington City church shows that the members, more familiar than I am with property values there share the same view with me.

As there are several other parties looking at the property with a view of purchasing it, we must act promptly in the matter if we want to secure it.

I therefore, in behalf of the brethren in Washington and in the name of the Missionary Board of the Brethren church, appeal to our brethren and friends everywhere to send in their remittances at once or state what amounts they will remit at some time during the next three months.

It is absolutely necessary that we get immediate responses to this appeal, so we may know whether to secure the property or not.

We can of course borrow some money on the ground, but under the most favorable circumstances we must have two thousand dollars to pay on account.

There has been much sentiment in favor of building, or securing a church in the National Capital; if our brethren will just now convert a little of that sentiment into hard cash we will have a church already furnished within the next thirty days, large enough to hold a National conference in.

It is not needful for me to state that there is at this time unusual interest in the Washington church. It is significant that this awakening, and the favorable opportunity to secure a suitable church home is simultaneous. May it not also be providential?

Again let me say, be prompt in your responses as we must know something definite if the present opportunity is to be embraced.

If the property is purchased under the present status of affairs it will be the property of the National conference of the Brethren church, and not the property of the Washington City church. JACOB C. CASSEL.

Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

RESOLUTION

INASMUCH, As we, the Washington City Mission of the Brethren church have an advantageous opportunity to purchase church property here, recently vacated by

another church, and

WHEREAS, We have personally investigated and examined said property and find the location very desirable for our work in this city, and believe the price at which the property is offered to be reasonable, especially considering the building being ready for immediate occupancy, therefore

Resolved, That we petition, recommend and urge The Missionary Board of the Brethren church and the brotherhood at large to at once co-operate with us in raising all possible available funds for the purchase of said property, and to report same to brother J. C. Cassel, Sec. M. B. of the B. C., 915 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., as soon as possible, as our time to avail ourselves of this opportunity is very limited. Signed in behalf of the First Brethren church of Washington, D. C., this first day of February, A. D., 1900.

W. M. LYON, Pastor.

R. I. GARBER, Sec'y.

H. C. LEMON, Deacon.

It is with great weakness that we write, but we can not let the paper go out without emphasizing the importance of prompt and decisive action in the matter to which this letter calls our attention. It is our conviction, and believe it will be the conviction of all who will take time for careful and serious consideration, that an opportunity has come to the Brethren church, which it will be criminal to neglect. The church has been praying for the Washington mission, that the cause in that city may be well established and prosper. May it not be that the Lord has answered our prayers in giving us this opportunity to permanently establish our cause in the capital city of the United States? We believe in doing one thing at a time, and in doing that right. There are other cities where the Brethren church is greatly in need of church buildings, but it seems that our efforts have been directed to the capital city, and at last the opportunity has come to us. We not only heartily approve of, but we urge with all the emphasis we can command, one united effort on the part of the entire church to secure this property for the Washington City mission. Pastors and laymen, Sunday school workers, young people's societies, Sisters' Society of C. E., in his tender care for us as a church, the Lord has brought this opportunity to the door of each one of you, and our decision in the matter will be the test of our loyalty to the church which is dear to us, and the cause we profess to love. If it has ever been in your heart to do anything for the cause of the blessed Master in the great capital city of these United States *do it now*. The church can not afford to let this opportunity go by unimproved. The Lord will prove us, whether we really love the cause or simply *profess* to love.